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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hyun K. Kim, *et al.*

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PROGESTERONE DERIVATIVES
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AGENTS

Examiner: B. Badio

Art Unit: 1616

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 6, 1999, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims directed to compound 38 (*see, e.g.*, claims 1, 15, 16 and 18 and Example IX) and to a method of producing an antiprogestational effect in a patient (*see, e.g.*, claim 27 and Section B of the Example Section).

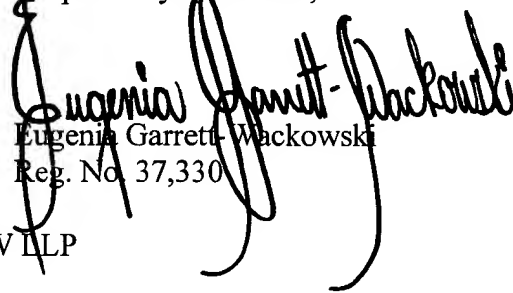
The foregoing election is made with traverse as the various groups set out by the Examiner stem from a common concept and theory and are thus related. As such, prosecution of all of the claims would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-36 together.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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